

N/A/N/A	Effective Clinical Care	<p>Bariatric Laparoscopic or Open Roux-en Y Gastric Bypass, Bariatric Sleeve Gastrectomy, and Colectomy: Iatrogenic Injury to Adjacent Organ/Structure: Percentage of patients age 65 and older who had an iatrogenic injury documented in the operative note, postoperative note, or progress note. Iatrogenic injury is an unplanned laceration, puncture, transection or cautery injury to an adjacent structure (e.g., sphincters, vasculature, nerve, other) that occurs during the index procedure, whether recognized at the time of surgery or post-operatively. Synonyms for the injury could include: hole, wound, perforation, tear, injury, laceration, cautery injury, damage, disruption, or defect</p> <p>The measure owner withdrew support of this measure and therefore, we are not finalizing it for inclusion in 2014 PQRS.</p>	ACS					X	
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¥ Titles and descriptions in this table are aligned with the 2014 Physician Quality Reporting System Claims and Qualified Registry measure titles and descriptions, and may differ based on reporting mechanism within PQRS. Additionally, there may be title and description variations for the same measure across other quality reporting programs. Please reference the National Quality Forum (NQF) and Physician Quality Reporting System numbers for clarification.

In Table 54, we specify the measures we proposed to remove from reporting under the PQRS and whether, based on the comments received, we are finalizing our proposal to remove these measures from reporting under the PQRS in 2014. Please note that the rationale we have for finalizing removal of each measure is specified after the measure title and description.

TABLE 54: Measures To Be Removed from Reporting in the Physician Quality Reporting System in 2014

NQF/ PQRS	NQS Domain	Measure Title and Description [¶]	Measure Steward	Claims	Registry	EHR	GPRO (Web Interface)*	Measures Groups	Other Quality Reporting Programs
0061/ 3	Effective Clinical Care	<p>Diabetes Mellitus: High Blood Pressure Control: Percentage of patients aged 18 through 75 years with diabetes mellitus who had most recent blood pressure in control (less than 140/90 mmHg)</p> <p>Rationale: Measure deletion due to direction of eliminating duplicative measures within PQRS.</p> <p>One commenter supported the removal of this measure, while another commenter cautioned against removal of this measure until new guidelines are established for development of a comprehensive blood pressure control measure that is clinically relevant for Ischemic Vascular Disease and Diabetes. A third commenter cautioned against the removal due to the importance of blood pressure control for patients with diabetes. Additionally, commenters were concerned with the removal of this measure as it impacts the number of measures available to eligible professionals.</p>	NCQA	X	X	X	X	MU1	

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		We appreciate the comments and understand the concerns. Due to our desire to move away from claims-based reporting, we are not finalizing this measure for inclusion in 2014 PQRS.							
N/A/ 86	Effective Clinical Care	<p>Hepatitis C: Antiviral Treatment Prescribed: Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C who were prescribed at a minimum peginterferon and ribavirin therapy within the 12-month reporting period</p> <p>Rationale: Measure lost NQF Endorsement/Measure Owner Support.</p> <p>One commenter supported the removal of this measure as it has been retired from the medical professional society’s measure set. We appreciate the commenters feedback and are not finalizing this measure for reporting under PQRS.</p>	AMA-PCPI	X	X		X		
N/A/ 89	Effective Clinical Care	<p>Hepatitis C: Counseling Regarding Risk of Alcohol Consumption: Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of hepatitis C who were counseled</p>	AMA-PCPI	X	X		X		

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		<p>about the risks of alcohol use at least once within 12-months</p> <p>Rationale: Measure lost NQF Endorsement/Measure Owner Support.</p> <p>One commenter supported the removal of this measure as it has been retired from the medical professional society’s measure set. We appreciate the commenters feedback and are not finalizing this measure for reporting under PQRS.</p>							
N/A/ 90	Effective Clinical Care	<p>Hepatitis C: Counseling Regarding Use of Contraception Prior to Antiviral Therapy: Percentage of female patients aged 18 through 44 years and all men aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of chronic hepatitis C who are receiving antiviral treatment who were counseled regarding contraception prior to the initiation of treatment</p> <p>Rationale: Measure lost NQF Endorsement/Measure Owner Support.</p>	AMA-PCPI	X	X			X	

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		<p>One commenter supported the removal of this measure as it has been retired from the medical professional society’s measure set. We appreciate the commenters feedback and are not finalizing this measure for reporting under PQRS.</p>							
N/A/ 161	Effective Clinical Care	<p>HIV/AIDS: Adolescent and Adult Patients with HIV/AIDS Who Are Prescribed Potent Antiretroviral Therapy: Percentage of patients with a diagnosis of HIV/AIDS aged 13 years and older: who have a history of a nadir CD4+ cell count below 350/mm³ or who have a history of an AIDS-defining condition, regardless of CD4+ cell count; or who are pregnant, regardless of CD4+ cell count or age, who were prescribed potent antiretroviral therapy</p> <p>Rationale: Measure lost NQF Endorsement/Measure Owner Support.</p> <p>CMS solicited but received no comments on this measure. Therefore, for the reasons we stated in the proposed rule, we are finalizing our proposal to retire this measure from</p>	AMA-PCPI/NCQA		X		X		

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		PQRS beginning in 2014.							
N/A/ 162	Effective Clinical Care	<p>HIV/AIDS: HIV RNA Control After Six Months of Potent Antiretroviral Therapy: Percentage of patients aged 13 years and older with a diagnosis of HIV/AIDS who are receiving potent antiretroviral therapy, who have a viral load below limits of quantification after at least 6 months of potent antiretroviral therapy or patients whose viral load is not below limits of quantification after at least 6 months of potent antiretroviral therapy and have documentation of a plan of care</p> <p>Rationale: Measure lost NQF Endorsement/Measure Owner Support.</p> <p>CMS solicited but received no comments on this measure. We are finalizing our proposal to retire this measure from PQRS beginning in 2014.</p>	AMA-PCPI/NCQA		X		X		
N/A/ 184	Community/Population Health	<p>Hepatitis C: Hepatitis B Vaccination in Patients with HCV: Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of hepatitis C who received at least one</p>	AMA- PCPI	X	X				

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		<p>injection of hepatitis B vaccine, or who have documented immunity to hepatitis B</p> <p>Rationale: Measure lost NQF Endorsement/Measure Owner Support.</p> <p>Two commenters did not agree with the removal of this measure and requested that CMS reconsider, stating this measure addresses an important aspect of care. Additionally, this measure is paired with PQRS 183 which was proposed for continued inclusion for the 2014 program year. We appreciate the commenter’s feedback, but, based on the rationale provided above, we are not retaining this measure for reporting under PQRS.</p>							
N/A/ 188	Communication and Care Coordination	<p>Referral for Otologic Evaluation for Patients with Congenital or Traumatic Deformity of the Ear: Percentage of patients aged birth and older referred to a physician (preferably a physician with training in disorders of the ear) for an otologic evaluation subsequent to an audiologic evaluation after presenting with a</p>	AQC	X	X				

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		<p>congenital or traumatic deformity of the ear (internal or external)</p> <p>Rationale: Measure deletion due to low utilization and lack of clinical relevance for the Medicare population.</p> <p>CMS solicited but received no comments on this measure. Therefore, for the reasons provided above, we are finalizing our proposal to retire this measure from PQRS beginning in 2014.</p>							
N/A/ 200	Effective Clinical Care	<p>Heart Failure: Warfarin Therapy for Patients with Atrial Fibrillation: Percentage of all patients aged 18 and older with a diagnosis of heart failure and paroxysmal or chronic atrial fibrillation who were prescribed warfarin therapy</p> <p>Rationale: Measure lost NQF Endorsement/Measure Owner Support.</p> <p>One commenter did not support the retirement of this measure. Several commenters supported the removal of this</p>	AMA-PCPI/ACCF/AHA			X			MU1

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		<p>measure as it has been retired from the medical professional society’s measure set, while one commenter did not support the retirement, stating it is pertinent to the field of electrophysiology. We appreciate the commenters feedback and for the reasons identified, are not finalizing this measure for reporting under PQRS</p>							
0073/ 201	Effective Clinical Care	<p>Ischemic Vascular Disease (IVD): Blood Pressure Management: Percentage of patients aged 18 to 75 years with Ischemic Vascular Disease (IVD) who had most recent blood pressure in control (less than 140/90 mmHg)</p> <p>Rationale: Measure deletion due to direction of eliminating duplicative measures within PQRS.</p> <p>One commenter supported the removal of this measure. Another commenter cautioned against removal of this measure until new guidelines are established for development of a comprehensive blood pressure control measure that is clinically relevant for</p>	NCQA	X	X	X		X	MU1

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		<p>Ischemic Vascular Disease and Diabetes. Additionally, commenters were concerned with the removal of this measure as it impacts the number of measures available to eligible professionals. We appreciate the comments and understand the concerns. Due to our desire to move away from claims-based reporting, we are not finalizing this measure for inclusion in 2014 PQRS.</p>							
0410/208	Effective Clinical Care	<p>HIV/AIDS: Sexually Transmitted Disease Screening for Syphilis: Percentage of patients aged 13 years and older with a diagnosis of HIV/AIDS who were screened for syphilis at least once within 12 months</p> <p>Rationale: Measure owner combined NQF 0410 with NQF 0409.</p> <p>CMS solicited but received no comments on this measure. Therefore, we are finalizing our proposal to retire this measure from PQRS beginning in 2014.</p>	AMA-PCPI/NCQA		X			X	
0445/ 209	Effective Clinical Care	<p>Functional Communication Measure - Spoken Language Comprehension: Percentage of patients aged 16 years and older with a diagnosis of late effects of cerebrovascular disease (CVD) that make progress on the Spoken Language</p>	ASHA		X				

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		<p>Comprehension Functional Communication Measure</p> <p>Rationale: Measure lost Measure Owner support.</p> <p>One commenter disagreed with CMS’ decision to retire this measure due to the need for clinically relevant measures of outcome and quality for speech-language pathologists to report. We appreciate the commenters’ feedback but for the reason above we are not retaining this measure for reporting under PQRS.</p>							
0449/ 210	Effective Clinical Care	<p>Functional Communication Measure – Attention: Percentage of patients aged 16 years and older with a diagnosis of late effects of cerebrovascular disease (CVD) that make progress on the Attention Functional Communication Measure</p> <p>Rationale: Measure lost Measure Owner support.</p> <p>One commenter disagreed with CMS’</p>	ASHA		X				

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		<p>decision to retire this measure due to the need for clinically relevant measures of outcome and quality for speech-language pathologists to report. We appreciate the commenters’ feedback but we are not retaining this measure for reporting under PQRS for the reason above.</p>							
0448/ 211	Effective Clinical Care	<p>Functional Communication Measure – Memory: Percentage of patients aged 16 years and older with a diagnosis of late effects of cerebrovascular disease (CVD) that make progress on the Memory Functional Communication Measure</p> <p>Rationale: Measure lost Measure Owner support.</p> <p>One commenter disagreed with CMS’ decision to retire this measure due to the need for clinically relevant measures of outcome and quality for speech-language pathologists to report. We appreciate the commenters’ feedback but, for the reasons stated above, we are not retaining this measure for reporting under PQRS.</p>	ASHA		X				

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0447/ 212	Effective Clinical Care	<p>Functional Communication Measure - Motor Speech: Percentage of patients aged 16 years and older with a diagnosis of late effects of cerebrovascular disease (CVD) that make progress on the Motor Speech Functional Communication Measure</p> <p>Rationale: Measure lost Measure Owner support.</p> <p>One commenter disagreed with CMS’ decision to retire this measure due to the need for clinically relevant measures of outcome and quality for speech-language pathologists to report. We appreciate the commenters’ feedback but, for the reasons stated above, we are not retaining this measure for reporting under PQRS.</p>	ASHA		X				
0446/ 213	Effective Clinical Care	<p>Functional Communication Measure – Reading: Percentage of patients aged 16 years and older with a diagnosis of late effects of cerebrovascular disease (CVD) that make progress on the Reading Functional Communication Measure</p>	ASHA		X				

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		<p>Rationale: Measure lost Measure Owner support.</p> <p>One commenter disagreed with CMS’ decision to retire this measure due to the need for clinically relevant measures of outcome and quality for speech-language pathologists to report. We appreciate the commenters’ feedback but, for the reasons stated above, we are not retaining this measure for reporting under PQRS.</p>							
0444/ 214	Effective Clinical Care	<p>Functional Communication Measure - Spoken Language Expression: Percentage of patients aged 16 years and older with a diagnosis of late effects of cerebrovascular disease (CVD) that make progress on the Spoken Language Expression Functional Communication Measure</p> <p>Rationale: Measure lost Measure Owner support.</p> <p>One commenter disagreed with CMS’ decision to retire this measure due to the need for clinically relevant measures of</p>	ASHA		X				

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		outcome and quality for speech-language pathologists to report. We appreciate the commenters’ feedback but, for the reasons stated above, we are not retaining this measure for reporting under PQRS.							
0442/ 215	Effective Clinical Care	<p>Functional Communication Measure – Writing: Percentage of patients aged 16 years and older with a diagnosis of late effects of cerebrovascular disease (CVD) that make progress on the Writing Functional Communication Measure</p> <p>Rationale: Measure lost Measure Owner support.</p> <p>One commenter disagreed with CMS’ decision to retire this measure due to the need for clinically relevant measures of outcome and quality for speech-language pathologists to report. We appreciate the commenters’ feedback but, for the reasons stated above, we are not retaining this measure for reporting under PQRS.</p>	ASHA		X				
0443/ 216	Effective Clinical Care	<p>Functional Communication Measure – Swallowing: Percentage of patients aged 16</p>	ASHA		X				

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		<p>years and older with a diagnosis of late effects of cerebrovascular disease (CVD) that make progress on the Swallowing Functional Communication Measure</p> <p>Rationale: Measure lost Measure Owner support.</p> <p>One commenter disagreed with CMS’ decision to retire this measure due to the need for clinically relevant measures of outcome and quality for speech-language pathologists to report. We appreciate the commenters’ feedback but, for the reasons stated above, we are not retaining this measure for reporting under PQRS.</p>							
0013/ 237	Effective Clinical Care	<p>Hypertension (HTN): Blood Pressure Measurement: Percentage of patient visits for patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of HTN with blood pressure (BP) recorded</p> <p>Rationale: Deletion due to MU2 alignment.</p> <p>Several commenters supported the removal</p>	AMA-PCPI			X			

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		<p>of this measure as it has been retired from the medical professional society’s measure set. We appreciate the commenters’ feedback and are not finalizing this measure for reporting under PQRS.</p>							
N/A/ 244	Effective Clinical Care	<p>Hypertension: Blood Pressure Management: Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of hypertension seen within a 12 month period with a blood pressure < 140/90 mmHg OR patients with a blood pressure ≥ 140/90 mmHg and prescribed two or more anti-hypertensive medications during the most recent office visit</p> <p>Rationale: Measure deletion due to direction of eliminating duplicative measures within PQRS.</p> <p>Two commenters believed this measure addresses important aspects of care while another is concerned its impact on the number of measures available to eligible professionals.</p>	AMA-PCPI/ACCF/AHA		X				

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		<p>We appreciate the comment and understand the concerns. Due to our desire to move away from claims-based reporting, we are removing this measure from the PQRS measure set.</p>							
0503/252	Effective Clinical Care	<p>Anticoagulation for Acute Pulmonary Embolus Patients: Anticoagulation ordered for patients who have been discharged from the emergency department (ED) with a diagnosis of acute pulmonary embolus</p> <p>Rationale: Measure lost Measure Owner support.</p> <p>Two commenters requested that CMS retain this measure although it has lost measure owner support and NQF endorsement. CMS appreciates the commenters’ desire to retain this measure in the PQRS program and encourages them to re-tool the measure as needed and submit during the annual Call for Measures for possible future inclusion.</p>	ACEP	X	X				
N/A/ 256	Communication and Care Coordination	<p>Surveillance after Endovascular Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Repair (EVAR): Percentage of patients 18 years of</p>	SVS		X				

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		<p>age or older undergoing endovascular abdominal aortic aneurysm repair (EVAR) who have at least one follow-up imaging study after 3 months and within 15 months of EVAR placement that documents aneurysm sac diameter and endoleak status</p> <p>Rationale: Measure lost Measure Owner support.</p> <p>CMS solicited but received no comments on this measure. Therefore, we are finalizing our proposal to retire this measure from PQRS beginning in 2014.</p>							
0012/ 306	Community/Population Health	<p>Prenatal Care: Screening for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV): Percentage of patients, regardless of age, who gave birth during a 12-month period who were screened for HIV infection during the first or second prenatal visit</p> <p>Rationale: Deletion due to MU2 alignment.</p> <p>One commenter supported the removal of this measure as it has been retired from the</p>	AMA-PCPI			X			MU1

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		<p>medical professional society’s measure set. We appreciate the commenter’s feedback and are not finalizing this measure for reporting under PQRS.</p>							
0014/ 307	Patient Safety	<p>Prenatal Care: Anti-D Immune Globulin: Percentage of D (Rh) negative, unsensitized patients, regardless of age, who gave birth during a 12-month period who received anti-D immune globulin at 26-30 weeks gestation</p> <p>Rationale: Deletion due to MU2 alignment.</p> <p>One commenter supported the removal of this measure as it has been retired from the medical professional society’s measure set. We appreciate the commenter’s feedback and are not finalizing this measure for reporting under PQRS.</p>	AMA-PCPI			X			MU1
0027/ 308	Community/Population Health	<p>Smoking and Tobacco Use Cessation, Medical Assistance: a. Advising Smokers and Tobacco Users to Quit, b. Discussing Smoking and Tobacco Use Cessation Medications, c. Discussing Smoking and Tobacco Use Cessation Strategies: Percentage of patients aged 18 years and</p>	NCQA			X			MU1

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		<p>older who were current smokers or tobacco users, who were seen by a practitioner during the measurement year and who received advice to quit smoking or tobacco use or whose practitioner recommended or discussed smoking or tobacco use cessation medications, methods or strategies</p> <p>Rationale: Deletion due to MU2 alignment.</p> <p>One commenter did not support the removal of this measure, stating it is an important measure in attempting to reduce tobacco usage. Another commenter was concerned tobacco cessation strategies would not be captured in existing smoking measures.</p> <p>We respectfully disagree and are therefore not finalizing this measure for inclusion in 2014 PQRS. We believe the tobacco cessation finalized in the PQRS measure set suffice to capture cessation consultation.</p>							
0575/ 313	Effective Clinical Care	<p>Diabetes Mellitus: Hemoglobin A1c Control (< 8%): The percentage of patients 18 through 75 years of age with a diagnosis</p>	NCQA			X			

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		<p>of diabetes (type 1 or type 2) who had HbA1c < 8%</p> <p>Rationale: Deletion due to MU2 alignment.</p> <p>One commenter was concerned with the removal of this measure as it drives better quality compared to PQRS measure #1 and it has the potential to contribute to better outcomes for patients with diabetes. Another commenter requested the measure not be retired as it provides different clinical information than PQRS measure #1 and that alignment with other programs is not an adequate reason for removal. We appreciate the commenters’ feedback but respectfully disagree. It is our intention to align the measures available for EHR-based reporting under PQRS with the measures available for reporting under the Medicare EHR Incentive Program. Since this measure is not available for reporting under the EHR Incentive Program, we do not believe it is appropriate to include in the final PQRS measure set and are therefore not finalizing for inclusion in</p>							

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		2014 PQRS.								
0493/ 321	Communication and Care Coordination	<p>Participation by a Hospital, Physician or Other Clinician in a Systematic Clinical Database Registry that Includes Consensus Endorsed Quality: Participation in a systematic qualified clinical database registry involves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Physician or other clinician submits standardized data elements to registry. b. Data elements are applicable to consensus endorsed quality measures. c. Registry measures shall include at least two (2) representative NQF consensus endorsed measures for registry's clinical topic(s) and report on all patients eligible for the selected measures. d. Registry provides calculated measures results, benchmarking, and quality improvement information to individual physicians and clinicians. e. Registry must receive data from more than 5 separate practices and may not be located (warehoused) at an individual group's practice. Participation in a national or state-wide registry is encouraged for this measure. 	OFMQ	X	X					

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		<p>f. Registry may provide feedback directly to the provider’s local registry if one exists.</p> <p>Rationale: Due we believe participation in a clinical data registry is best captured under the new qualified clinical data registry option, CMS no longer believes this measure is necessary to report and is therefore proposing to remove this measure.</p> <p>We received several comments opposing the removal of this measure due to the implementation of Qualified Clinical Data Registries, stating they believe it is premature and that the measure is an important bridge to increased registry-based PQRS reporting. The commenters urged CMS to postpone the elimination of this measure until it has a better understanding of how many registries will be able to fulfill the new Qualified Clinical Data Registry option as proposed. We appreciate the commenters’ feedback, but we are not retaining this measure for reporting under PQRS.</p>							
N/A/N/A	Communication and	Total Knee Replacement: Coordination of	AAHKS/AMA-					X	

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	Care Coordination	<p>Post Discharge Care: Percentage of patients undergoing total knee replacement who received written instructions for post discharge care including all the following: post discharge physical therapy, home health care, post discharge deep vein thrombosis (DVT) prophylaxis and follow-up physician visits</p> <p>Rationale: Measure Owner decision to remove this measure from Total Knee Replacement and replace with the measure: Shared Decision-Making: Trial of Conservative (Non-surgical) Therapy</p> <p>CMS solicited but received no comments on this measure. Therefore, we are finalizing our proposal to retire this measure from PQRS beginning in 2014.</p>	PCPI						
N/A/N/A	Person and Caregiver-Centered Experience and Outcomes	<p>Chronic Wound Care: Patient Education Regarding Long-Term Compression Therapy: Percentage of patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of venous ulcer who received education regarding the need for long term compression therapy</p>	AMA-PCPI	X	X				

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		<p>including interval replacement of compression stockings within the 12 month reporting period</p> <p>Rationale: This measure concept is routinely met in a clinical setting. CMS believes it would not indicate a true quality outcome.</p> <p>Two commenters felt this measure adds an important aspect of care related to the two chronic wound care measures currently in the PQRS program. CMS appreciates the commenters' feedback but as indicated in our rationale, do not believe it would indicate a true quality outcome. For this reason, we are not finalizing for inclusion in PQRS.</p>							
N/A/N/A	Effective Clinical Care	<p>Osteoporosis: Status of Participation in Weight-Bearing Exercise and Weight-bearing Exercise Advice: Percentage of patients aged 18 and older with a diagnosis of osteoporosis, osteopenia, or prior low impact fracture; women age 65 and older; or men age 70 and older whose status regarding participation in weight-bearing exercise was documented and for those not participating</p>	ABIM					X	

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		<p>regularly who received advice within 12 months to participate in weight-bearing exercise</p> <p>Rationale: This measures group was deleted due to the amount of measures that had duplicative medical concepts within the PQRS program.</p> <p>Several commenters opposed the deletion of all measures originally proposed to comprise the Osteoporosis measures group. Commenters recommended the implementation of a revised Osteoporosis measures group utilizing six existing PQRS measures. We appreciate the commenters’ feedback but note, the suggested measures have not been analyzed to determine the feasibility of reporting these measures together within a measures group. Therefore, we are finalizing our proposal to remove the Osteoporosis measures group from PQRS.</p>							
N/A/N/A	Effective Clinical Care	<p>Osteoporosis: Current Level of Alcohol Use and Advice on Potentially Hazardous Drinking Prevention: Percentage of patients</p>	ABIM					X	

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		<p>aged 18 and older with a diagnosis of osteoporosis, osteopenia, or prior low impact fracture; women age 65 and older; or men age 70 and older whose current level of alcohol use was documented and for those engaging in potentially hazardous drinking who received counseling within 12 months</p> <p>Rationale: This measures group was deleted due to the amount of measures that had duplicative medical concepts within the PQRS program.</p> <p>Several commenters opposed the deletion of all measures originally proposed to comprise the Osteoporosis measures group. Commenters recommended the implementation of a revised Osteoporosis measures group utilizing six existing PQRS measures. We appreciate the commenters' feedback but note, the suggested measures have not been analyzed to determine the feasibility of reporting these measures together within a measures group. Therefore, we are finalizing our proposal to remove the</p>							

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		Osteoporosis measures group from PQRS.							
N/A/N/A	Patient Safety	<p>Osteoporosis: Screen for Falls Risk Evaluation and Complete Falls Risk Assessment and Plan of Care: Percentage of patients aged 18 and older with a diagnosis of osteoporosis, osteopenia, or prior low impact fracture; women age 65 and older; or men age 70 and older who had a screen for falls risk evaluation within the past 12 months and for those reported as having a history of two or more falls, or fall-related injury who had a complete risk assessment for falls and a falls plan of care within the past 12 months</p> <p>Rationale: This measures group was deleted due to the amount of measures that had duplicative medical concepts within the PQRS program.</p> <p>Several commenters opposed the deletion of all measures originally proposed to comprise the Osteoporosis measures group. Commenters recommended the implementation of a revised Osteoporosis</p>	ABIM				X		

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		measures group utilizing six existing PQRS measures. We appreciate the commenters' feedback but note, the suggested measures have not been analyzed to determine the feasibility of reporting these measures together within a measures group. Therefore, we are finalizing our proposal to remove the Osteoporosis measures group from PQRS.							
N/A/N/A	Effective Clinical Care	<p>Osteoporosis: Dual-Emission X-ray Absorptiometry (DXA) Scan: Percentage of patients aged 18 and older with a diagnosis of osteoporosis, osteopenia, or prior low impact fracture; women age 65 and older; or men age 70 and older who had a DXA scan and result documented</p> <p>Rationale: This measures group was deleted due to the amount of measures that had duplicative medical concepts within the PQRS program.</p> <p>Several commenters opposed the deletion of all measures originally proposed to comprise the Osteoporosis measures group. Commenters recommended the</p>	ABIM				X		

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		<p>implementation of a revised Osteoporosis measures group utilizing six existing PQRS measures. We appreciate the commenters' feedback but note, the suggested measures have not been analyzed to determine the feasibility of reporting these measures together within a measures group. Therefore, we are finalizing our proposal to remove the Osteoporosis measures group from PQRS.</p>							
N/A/N/A	Effective Clinical Care	<p>Osteoporosis: Calcium Intake Assessment and Counseling: Percentage of patients aged 18 and older with a diagnosis of osteoporosis, osteopenia, or prior low impact fracture; women age 65 and older; or men age 70 and older who had calcium intake assessment and counseling at least once within 12 months</p> <p>Rationale: This measures group was deleted due to the amount of measures that had duplicative medical concepts within the PQRS program.</p> <p>Several commenters opposed the deletion of all measures originally proposed to comprise</p>	ABIM					X	

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N/A/N/A	Effective Clinical Care	<p>Osteoporosis: Vitamin D Intake Assessment and Counseling: Percentage of patients aged 18 and older with a diagnosis of osteoporosis, osteopenia, or prior low impact fracture; women age 65 and older; or men age 70 and older who had vitamin D intake assessment and counseling at least once within 12 months</p> <p>Rationale: This measures group was deleted due to the amount of measures that had duplicative medical concepts within the PQRS program.</p>	ABIM					X	

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N/A/N/A	Effective Clinical Care	<p>Osteoporosis: Pharmacologic Therapy: Percentage of patients aged 18 and older with a diagnosis of osteoporosis, osteopenia, or prior low impact fracture; women age 65 and older; or men age 70 and older who were prescribed pharmacologic therapy approved by the Food and Drug Administration</p> <p>Rationale: This measures group was deleted due to the amount of measures that had duplicative medical concepts within the PQRS program.</p>	ABIM					X	

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N/A/N/A	Effective Clinical Care	<p>Preventive Cardiology Composite: Blood Pressure at Goal: Percentage of patients in the sample whose most recent blood pressure reading was at goal</p> <p>Rationale: This measures group was deleted due to the amount of measures that had duplicative medical concepts within the PQRS program.</p> <p>One commenter opposed the deletion of all</p>	ABIM					X	

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		measures originally proposed to comprise the Preventive Cardiology measures group, disagreeing with CMS’ opinion that this measures group is duplicative of other measures. Specifically, the commenter’s concern was that existing PQRS measures only address aspirin use among patients diagnosed with specific heart conditions. We appreciate the commenter’s feedback, but we are not retaining the Preventive Cardiology measures group for reporting under PQRS.							
N/A/N/A	Effective Clinical Care	<p>Preventive Cardiology Composite: Low Density Lipids (LDL) Cholesterol at Goal: Percentage of patients in the sample whose LDL cholesterol is considered to be at goal, based upon their coronary heart disease (CHD) risk factors</p> <p>Rationale: This measures group was deleted due to the amount of measures that had duplicative medical concepts within the PQRS program.</p> <p>One commenter opposed the deletion of all measures originally proposed to comprise the</p>	ABIM				X		

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		Preventive Cardiology measures group, disagreeing with CMS’ opinion that this measures group is duplicative of other measures. Specifically, the commenter’s concern was that existing PQRS measures only address aspirin use among patients diagnosed with specific heart conditions. We appreciate the commenter’s feedback, but we are not retaining the Preventive Cardiology measures group for reporting under PQRS.							
N/A/N/A	Effective Clinical Care	Preventive Cardiology Composite: Timing of Lipid Testing Complies with Guidelines: Percentage of patients in the sample whose timing of lipid testing complies with guidelines (lipid testing performed in the preceding 12-month period (with a three-month grace period) for patients with known coronary heart disease (CHD) or CHD risk equivalent (prior myocardial infarction (MI), other clinical CHD, symptomatic carotid artery disease, peripheral artery disease, abdominal aortic aneurysm, diabetes mellitus); or in the preceding 24-month period (with a three-month grace period) for patients with ≥ 2 risk	ABIM					X	

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		<p>factors for CHD (smoking, hypertension, low high density lipid (HDL), men \geq 45 years, women \geq 55 years, family history of premature CHD; HDL \geq 60 mg/dL acts as a negative risk factor); or in the preceding 60-month period (with a three-month grace period) for patients with \leq 1 risk factor for CHD)</p> <p>Rationale: This measures group was deleted due to the amount of measures that had duplicative medical concepts within the PQRS program.</p> <p>One commenter opposed the deletion of all measures originally proposed to comprise the Preventive Cardiology measures group, disagreeing with CMS’ opinion that this measures group is duplicative of other measures. Specifically, the commenter’s concern was that existing PQRS measures only address aspirin use among patients diagnosed with specific heart conditions.</p> <p>We appreciate the commenter’s feedback,</p>							

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		but, based on the rationale stated above, we are not retaining the Preventive Cardiology measures group for reporting under PQRS.							
N/A/N/A	Effective Clinical Care	<p>Preventive Cardiology Composite: Diabetes Documentation or Screen Test: Percentage of patients in the sample who had a screening test for type 2 diabetes or had a diagnosis of diabetes</p> <p>Rationale: This measures group was deleted due to the amount of measures that had duplicative medical concepts within the PQRS program.</p> <p>One commenter opposed the removal of this measure because they believe it has potential to contribute to better outcomes for patients with diabetes. Another commenter opposed the deletion of all measures originally proposed to comprise the Preventive Cardiology measures group, disagreeing with CMS’ opinion that this measures group is duplicative of other measures. Specifically, the commenter’s concern was that existing PQRS measures only address aspirin use</p>	ABIM				X		

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		among patients diagnosed with specific heart conditions. We appreciate the commenter’s feedback, but we are not retaining the Preventive Cardiology measures group for reporting under PQRS.							
N/A/N/A	Effective Clinical Care	<p>Preventive Cardiology Composite: Counseling for Diet and Physical Activity: Percentage of patients who received dietary and physical activity counseling</p> <p>Rationale: This measures group was deleted due to the amount of measures that had duplicative medical concepts within the PQRS program.</p> <p>One commenter opposed the deletion of all measures originally proposed to comprise the Preventive Cardiology measures group, disagreeing with CMS’ opinion that this measures group is duplicative of other measures. Specifically, the commenter’s concern was that existing PQRS measures only address aspirin use among patients diagnosed with specific heart conditions. We appreciate the commenter’s feedback, but we</p>	ABIM				X		

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		are not retaining the Preventive Cardiology measures group for reporting under PQRS.							
N/A/N/A	Effective Clinical Care	<p>Preventive Cardiology Composite: Correct Determination of Ten-Year Risk for Coronary Death or Myocardial Infarction (MI): Number of patients in the sample whose ten-year risk of coronary death or MI is correctly assessed and documented</p> <p>Rationale: This measures group was deleted due to the amount of measures that had duplicative medical concepts within the PQRS program.</p> <p>One commenter opposed the deletion of all measures originally proposed to comprise the Preventive Cardiology measures group, disagreeing with CMS’ opinion that this measures group is duplicative of other measures. Specifically, the commenter’s concern was that existing PQRS measures only address aspirin use among patients</p>	ABIM				X		

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		diagnosed with specific heart conditions. We appreciate the commenter’s feedback, but we are not retaining the Preventive Cardiology measures group for reporting under PQRS.							
N/A/N/A	Effective Clinical Care	<p>Preventive Cardiology Composite: Appropriate Use of Aspirin or Other Antiplatelet/Anticoagulant Therapy: Percentage of patients in the sample who are: 1) taking aspirin or other anticoagulant/antiplatelet therapy, or 2) under age 30, or 3) age 30 or older and who are documented to be at low risk. Low-risk patients include those who are documented with no prior coronary heart disease (CHD) or CHD risk equivalent (prior myocardial infarction (MI), other clinical CHD, symptomatic carotid artery disease, peripheral artery disease, abdominal aortic aneurysm, diabetes mellitus) and whose ten-year risk of developing CHD is < 10%</p> <p>Rationale: This measures group was deleted due to the amount of measures that had duplicative medical concepts within the PQRS program.</p>	ABIM				X		

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N/A/N/A	Effective Clinical Care	<p>Preventive Cardiology Composite: Smoking Status and Cessation Support: Percentage of patients in the sample whose current smoking status is documented in the chart, and if they were smokers, were documented to have received smoking cessation counseling during the reporting period</p> <p>Rationale: This measures group was deleted due to the amount of measures that had duplicative medical concepts within the</p>	ABIM					X	

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